

**Administration on Aging
and
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs

Project Title: The Northeast Massachusetts Aging and Disability Resource Collaborative

Total Project Period: 9/30/2003 – 9/29/2006

Total Award Amount: \$750,000

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Project's Overall Design:

Massachusetts' Aging and Disability Resource Collaborative will be established in the Northeast Region of the state. In the first year, a uniform intake process will be developed and utilized by a team of intake workers from community partners who will provide comprehensive and coordinated information, referral and case management. Community service partners will be cross-trained to ensure timely and appropriate transfer of information and resources. In years two and three, the Collaborative will expand to the rest of the Northeast region and will target hard-to-serve or underserved populations. Medicaid enrollment staff will be co-located at the Resource Center by year 3. A toll-free telephone number, interactive website of intake, referral and evaluation will provide the foundation for the Collaborative's functions. The uniform screening and assessment tool and process developed under a Real Choice Systems Change grant will be launched through the Collaborative.

Target Population:

- Year One – Persons 60 and older and individuals with disabilities of all types
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and individuals with disabilities of all types
- A special focus will be on hard-to-serve and underserved populations

Anticipated Outcomes:

- A visible, trusted and accessible entry point into long-term care for consumers, including those from diverse populations.
- Increased community communication and collaboration in the delivery of home and community-based services.
- Coordinated provision of long-term care services through an integrated case management function.

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

- Advisory Committee: located in the Northeast region of MA – Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, Northeast Independent Living Program, Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann, Lifetime Inc., Statewide Independent Living Council, Program to Enhance Elder Refugee Services Program, Seton Asian Center, and local Councils on Aging.
- Partners: at the state level – Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Public Health's Office of Elder Health, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Office for Refugees and Immigrants, Center for Health Policy and Research at UMass Medical School, Massachusetts Home Care Association, Lifetime Inc., Lawrence Council on Aging, Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders, Northeast Independent Living Program, Independent Living Center of North Shore and Cape Ann, Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council, Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, New England Rehab Hospital, Community Rehab Care, Neuro Rehab Management, Seton Asian Center, and Massachusetts Medicare Outreach Program.